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REPLY TO:

SHIAWASSEE DISTRICT OFFICE 10850 BENNETT DRIVE MORRICE ML 40857-9792

JOHN ENGLER, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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October 2, 1997

Mr. Tom Ramos, Sr. Env. Engineer GM - North American Operations Validation/QRD Center General Motors Proving Ground 483-323-206 Milford, MI 48380-3726

Dear Mr. Ramos:

As you know, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is investigating a sodium and chloride groundwater contamination in the area of Sections 13,14,23 and 24 (possibly others also) of Brighton Township in Livingston County. Samples of numerous residential wells in this area was conducted in May, 1997, by the MDEQ. Enclosed please find copies of the results from this sampling.

Groundwater in this area is known to flow southwesterly. At a meeting we both attended in May, 1997, an Oakland County Health Department representative stated groundwater quality upgradient of the GM Proving Grounds typically has chlorides of 35ppb to non-detect. As you can see from the sample results, it appears that a source of sodium and chlorides may therefore emanate from the GM Proving Grounds facility.

In your June 13, 1997, letter you indicated General Motors would investigate if any chloride or sodium sources exist or historically existed at the Proving Grounds. Has this investigation had been conducted and were any conclusions derived from this investigation? Please submit an update on this investigation to this office by October 31, 1997.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Joe Lavato, WSD